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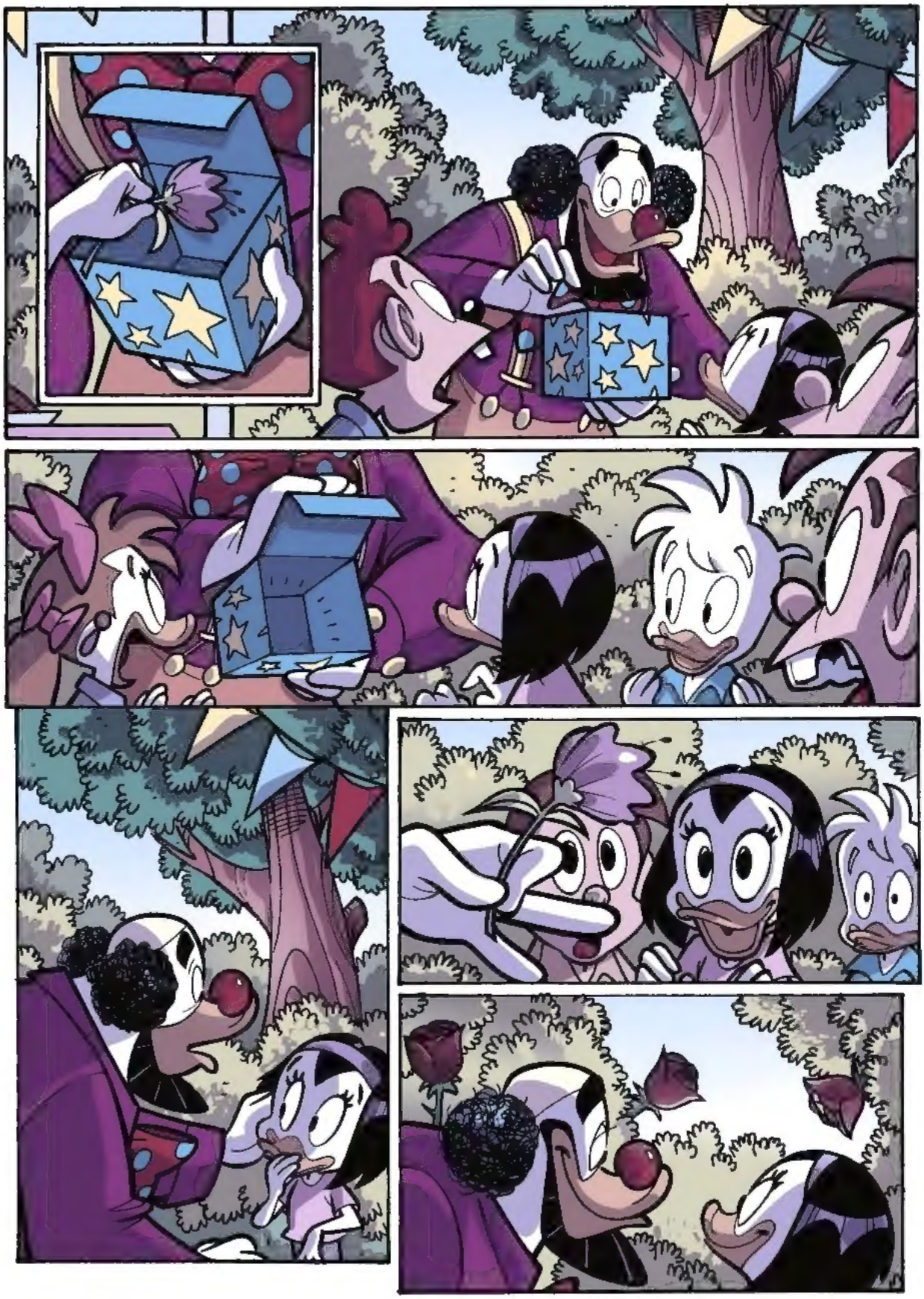
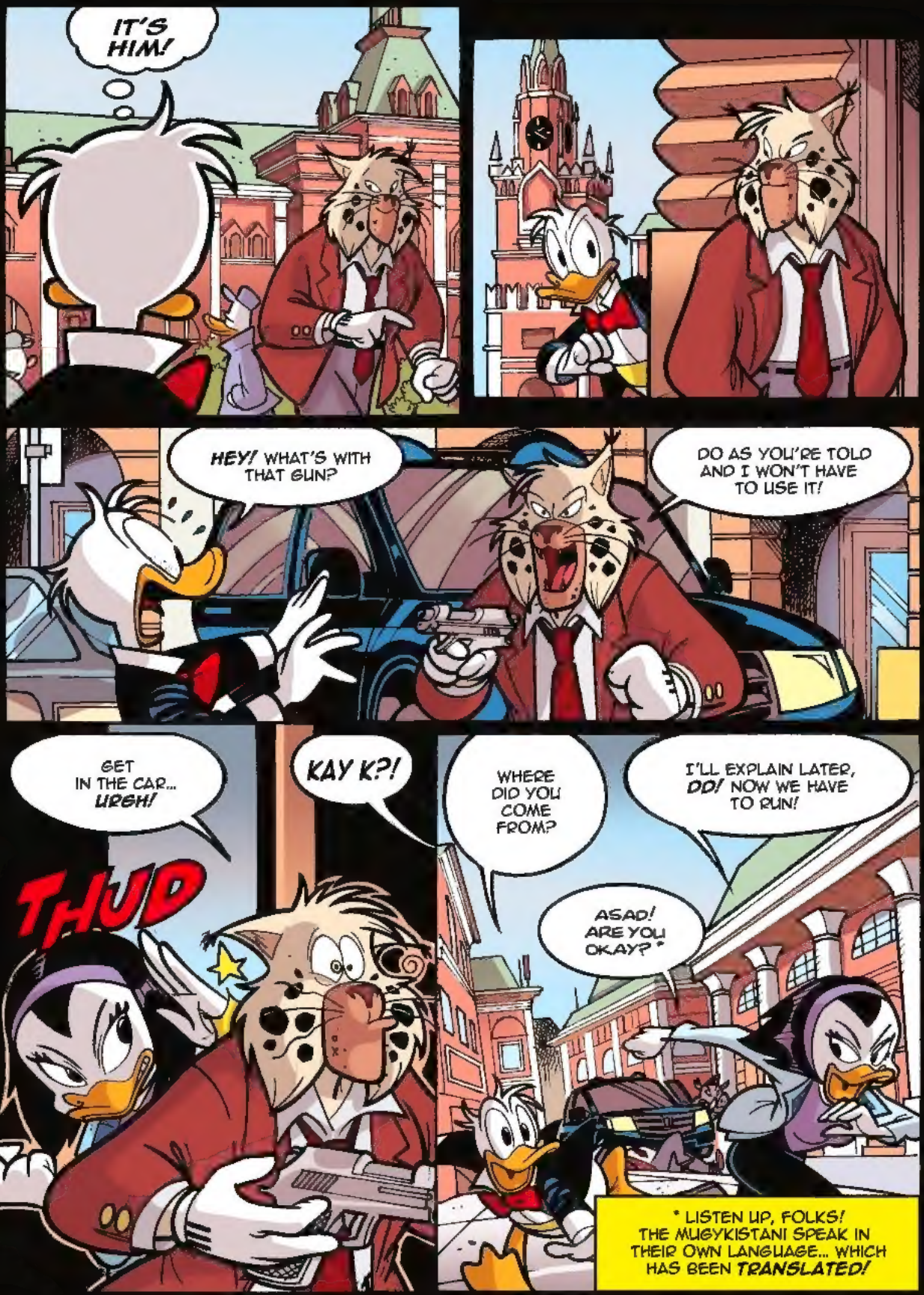
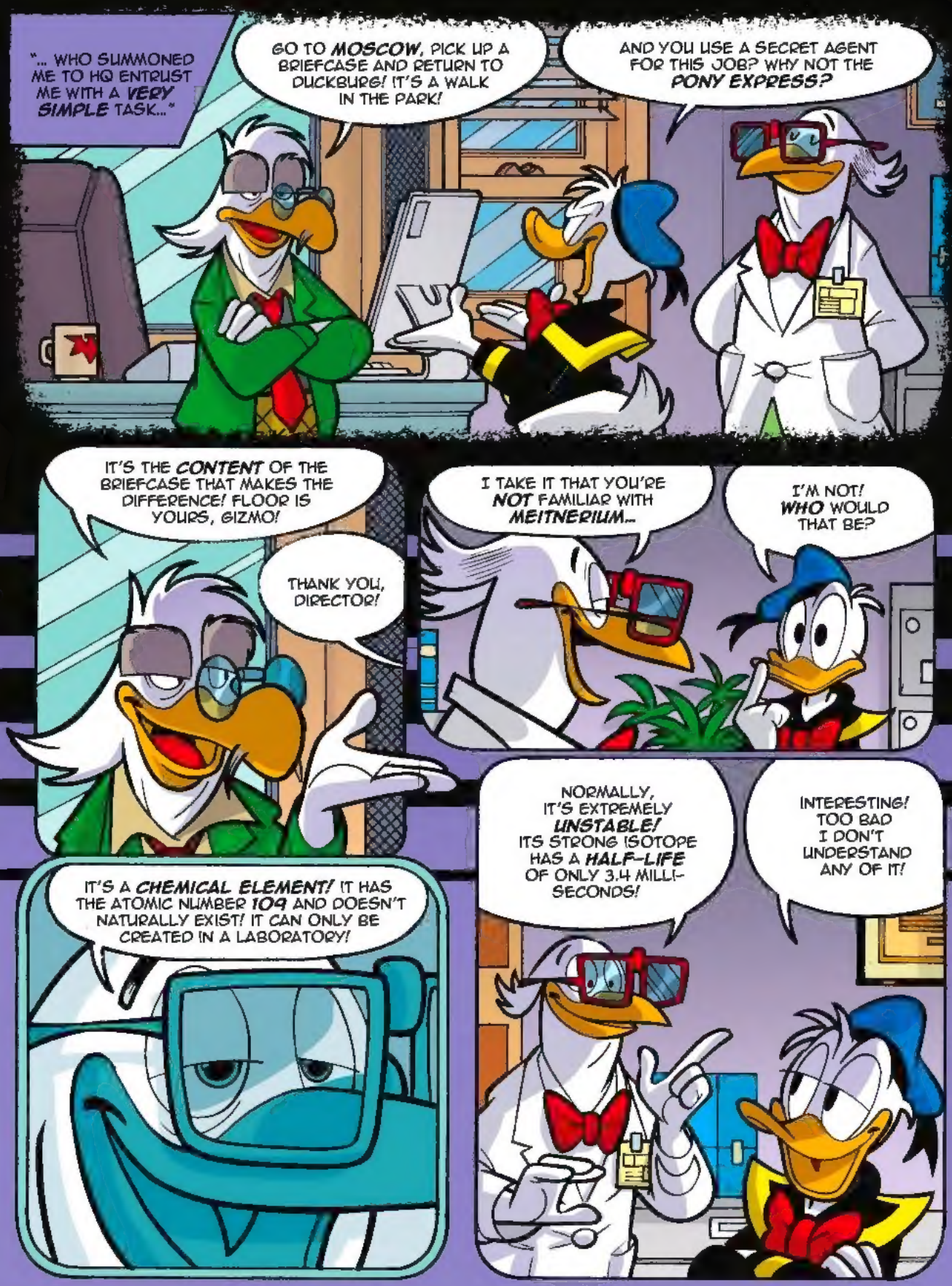


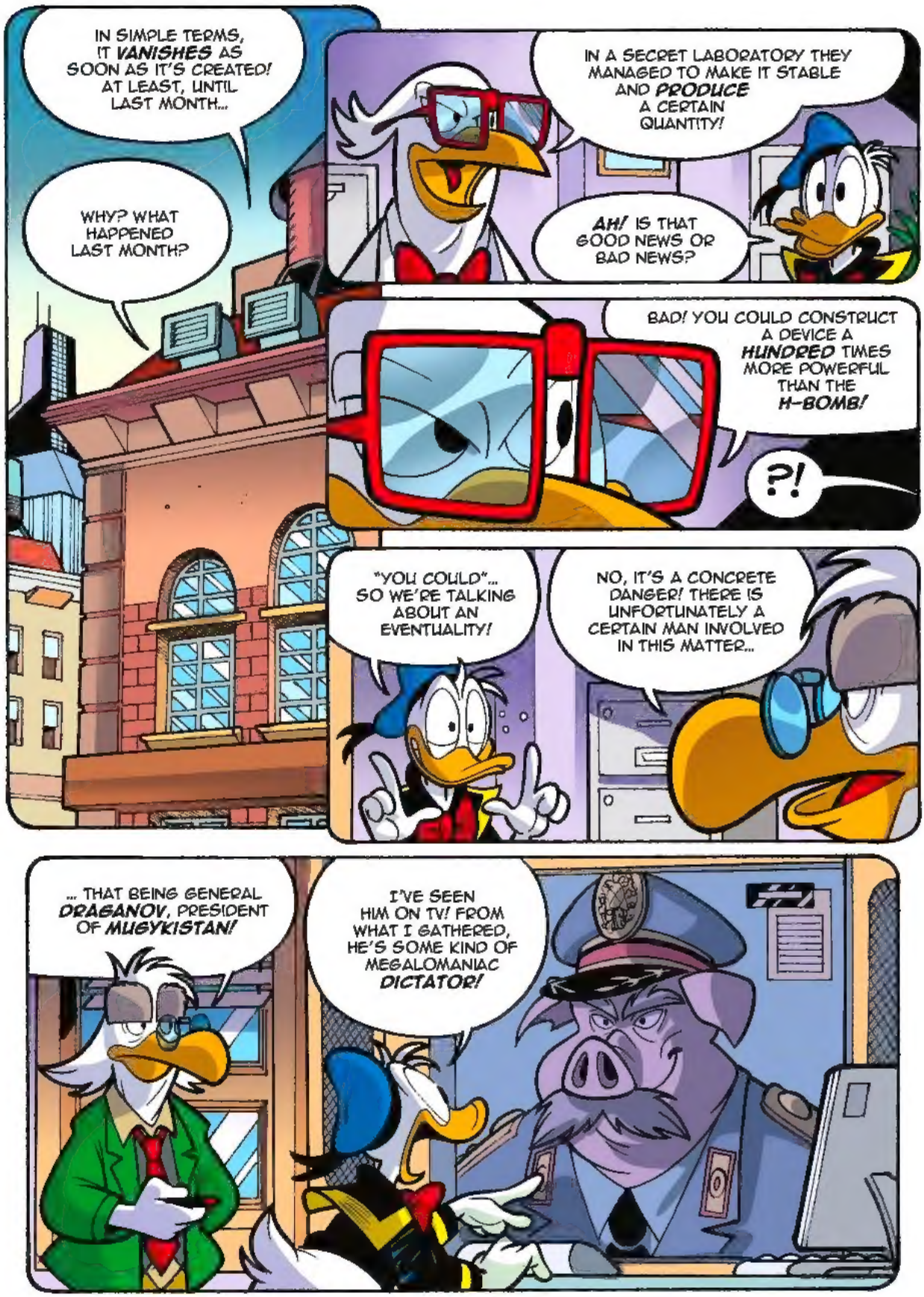
DOUBLEDUCK ELEMENTO 109

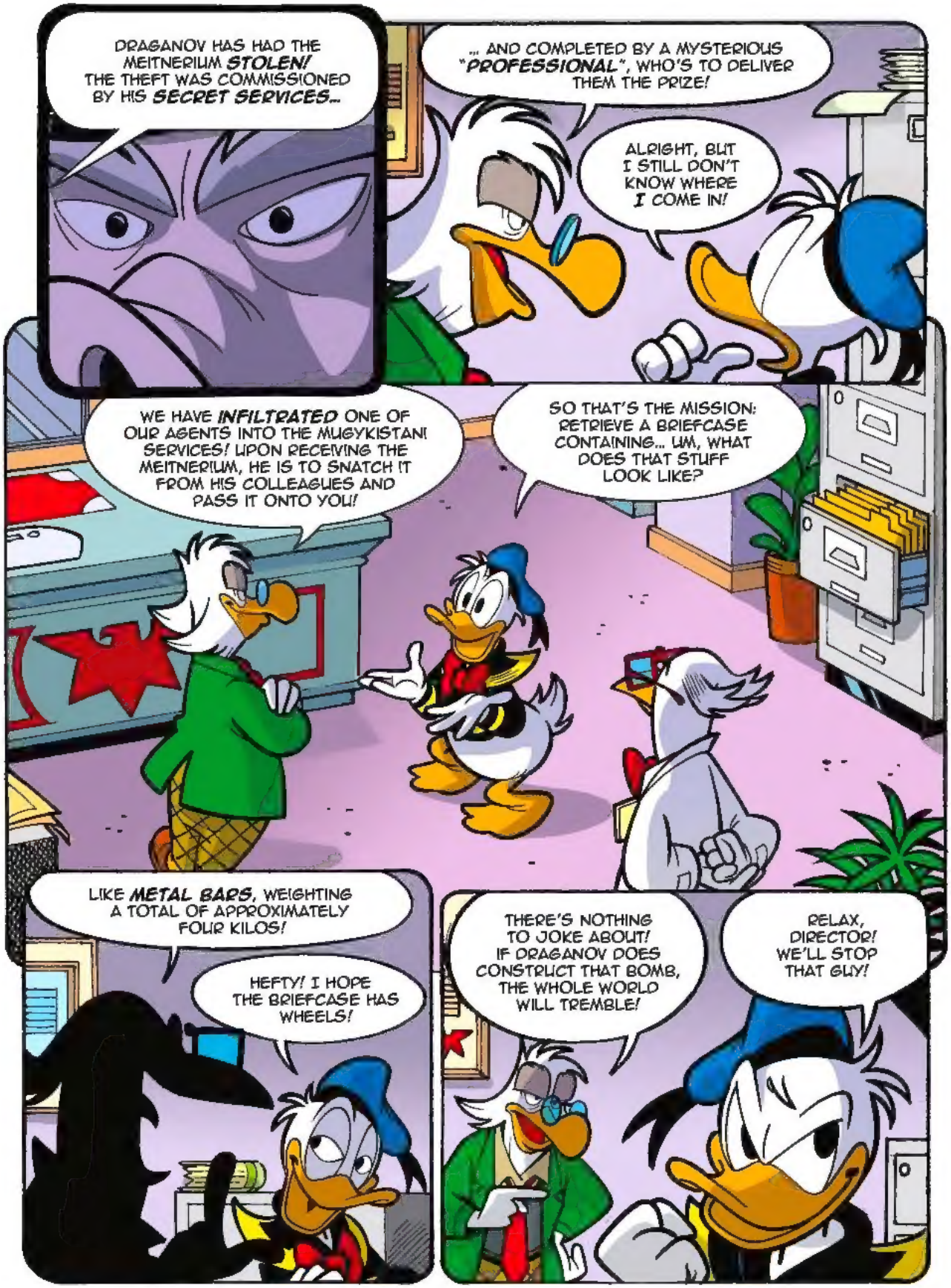
THE CONSTRUCTION OF SAINT BASIL'S CATHEDRAL BEGAN IN 1551 BY THE WILL OF IVAN THE TERRIBLE, WHO BLAH BLAH BLAH...
THIS IS WHERE THE DELIVERY IS TO TAKE PLACE! NOW, ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS, SOMEONE SHOULD MAKE CONTACT WITH ME!

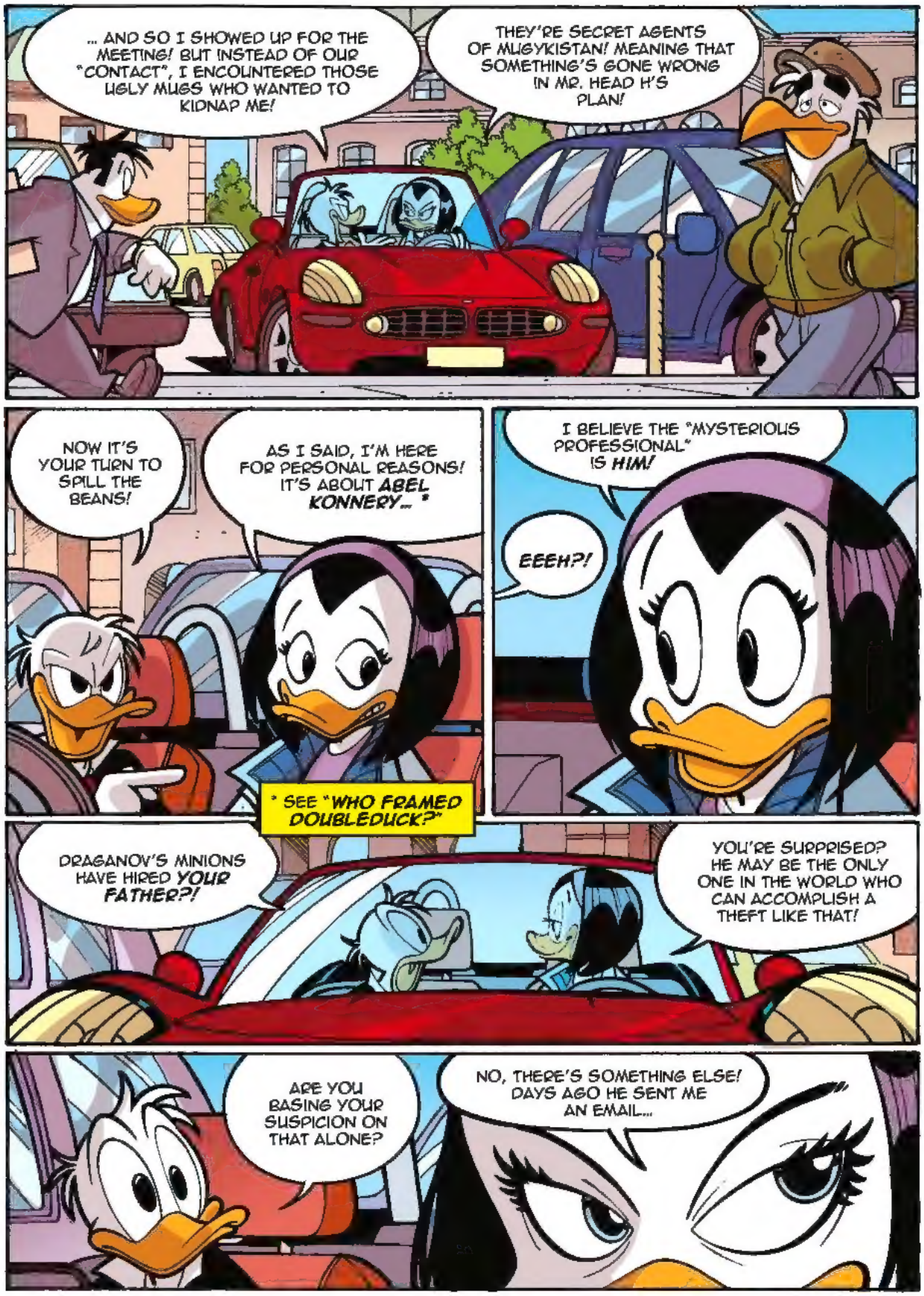

IT'S HIM!
HEY! WHAT'S WITH THAT GUN?
DO AS YOU'RE TOLD AND I WON'T HAVE TO USE IT!
GET IN THE CAR... URGH!
KAY K?!
THUD
WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?
I'LL EXPLAIN LATER, DD! NOW WE HAVE TO RUN!
ASAD! ARE YOU OKAY? *
* LISTEN UP, FOLKS! THE MUGYKISTANI SPEAK IN THEIR OWN LANGUAGE... WHICH HAS BEEN TRANSLATED!

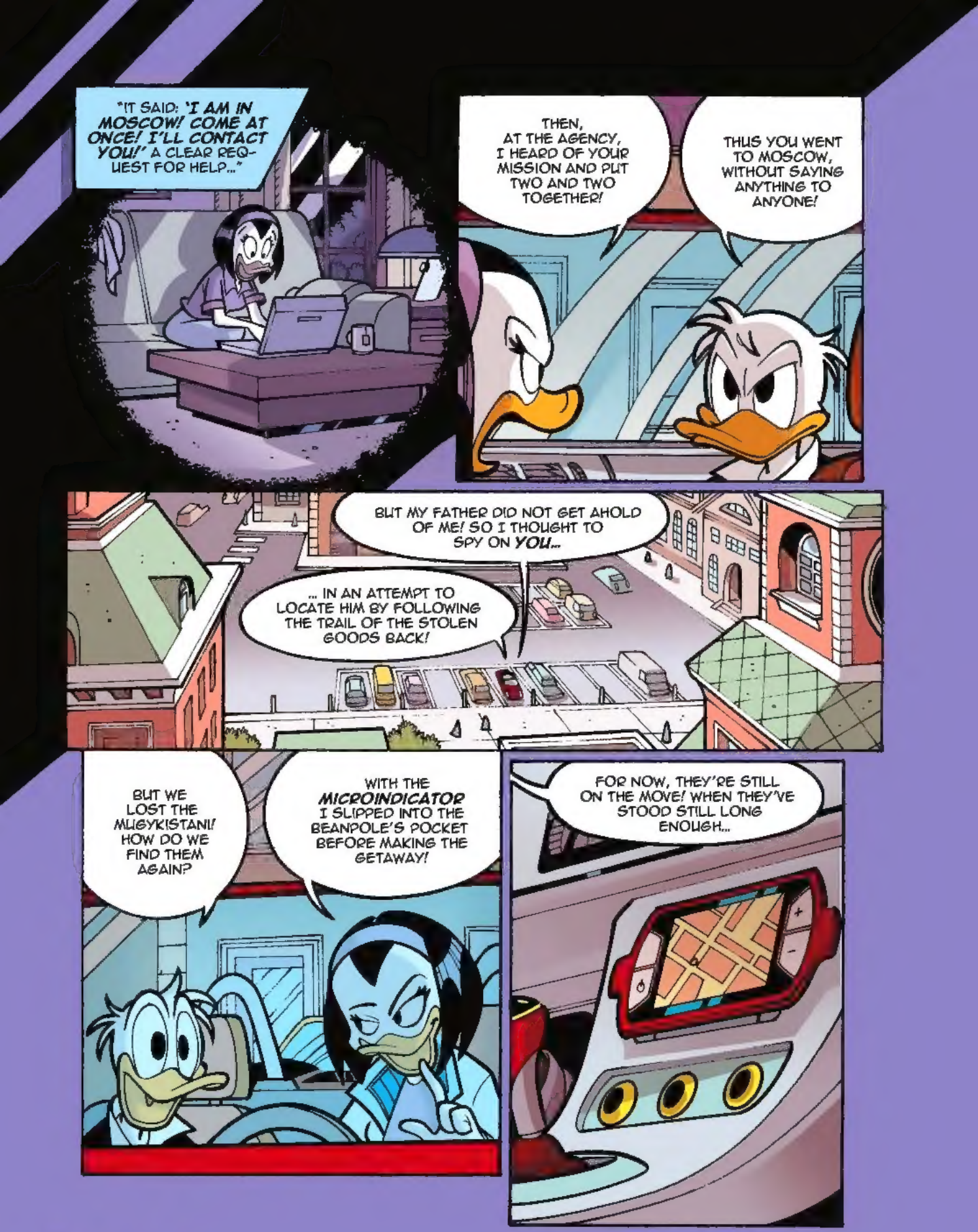
W-WHO HIT ME?
AN UNKNOWN! THE DUCK WASN'T ALONE!
WHAT A MESS! THE BOSS IS NOT GONNA TAKE IT WELL!
SO, WANT TO EXPLAIN YOURSELF? YOU SHOULD NOT BE HERE!
I KNOW! IN FACT, I'M NOT HERE ON BEHALF OF THE AGENCY... IT'S A PERSONAL MATTER!
"PERSONAL"? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I'LL TELL YOU! BUT FIRST YOU HAVE TO GIVE ME THE DETAILS OF YOUR MISSION!
WELL, EVERYTHING STARTED THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY, WHEN I GOT A CALL FROM MR. HEAD H...


"... WHO SUMMONED ME TO HQ ENTRUST ME WITH A VERY SIMPLE TASK..."
GO TO MOSCOW, PICK UP A BRIEFCASE AND RETURN TO DUCKBURG! IT'S A WALK IN THE PARK!
AND YOU USE A SECRET AGENT FOR THIS JOB? WHY NOT THE PONY EXPRESS?
IT'S THE CONTENT OF THE BRIEFCASE THAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE! FLOOR IS YOURS, GIZMO!
THANK YOU, DIRECTOR!
I TAKE IT THAT YOU'RE NOT FAMILIAR WITH MEITNERIUM...
I'M NOT! WHO WOULD THAT BE?
IT'S A CHEMICAL ELEMENT! IT HAS THE ATOMIC NUMBER 109 AND DOESN'T NATURALLY EXIST! IT CAN ONLY BE CREATED IN A LABORATORY!
NORMALLY, IT'S EXTREMELY UNSTABLE! ITS STRONG ISOTOPE HAS A HALF-LIFE OF ONLY 3.4 MILLI-SECONDS!
INTERESTING! TOO BAD I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANY OF IT!


IN SIMPLE TERMS, IT VANISHES AS SOON AS IT'S CREATED! AT LEAST, UNTIL LAST MONTH...
WHY? WHAT HAPPENED LAST MONTH?
IN A SECRET LABORATORY THEY MANAGED TO MAKE IT STABLE AND PRODUCE A CERTAIN QUANTITY!
AH! IS THAT GOOD NEWS OR BAD NEWS?
BAD! YOU COULD CONSTRUCT A DEVICE A HUNDRED TIMES MORE POWERFUL THAN THE H-BOMB!
?!
"YOU COULD"... SO WE'RE TALKING ABOUT AN EVENTUALITY!
NO, IT'S A CONCRETE DANGER! THERE IS UNFORTUNATELY A CERTAIN MAN INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER...
... THAT BEING GENERAL DRAGANOV, PRESIDENT OF MUGYKISTAN!
I'VE SEEN HIM ON TV! FROM WHAT I GATHERED, HE'S SOME KIND OF MEGALOMANIAC DICTATOR!

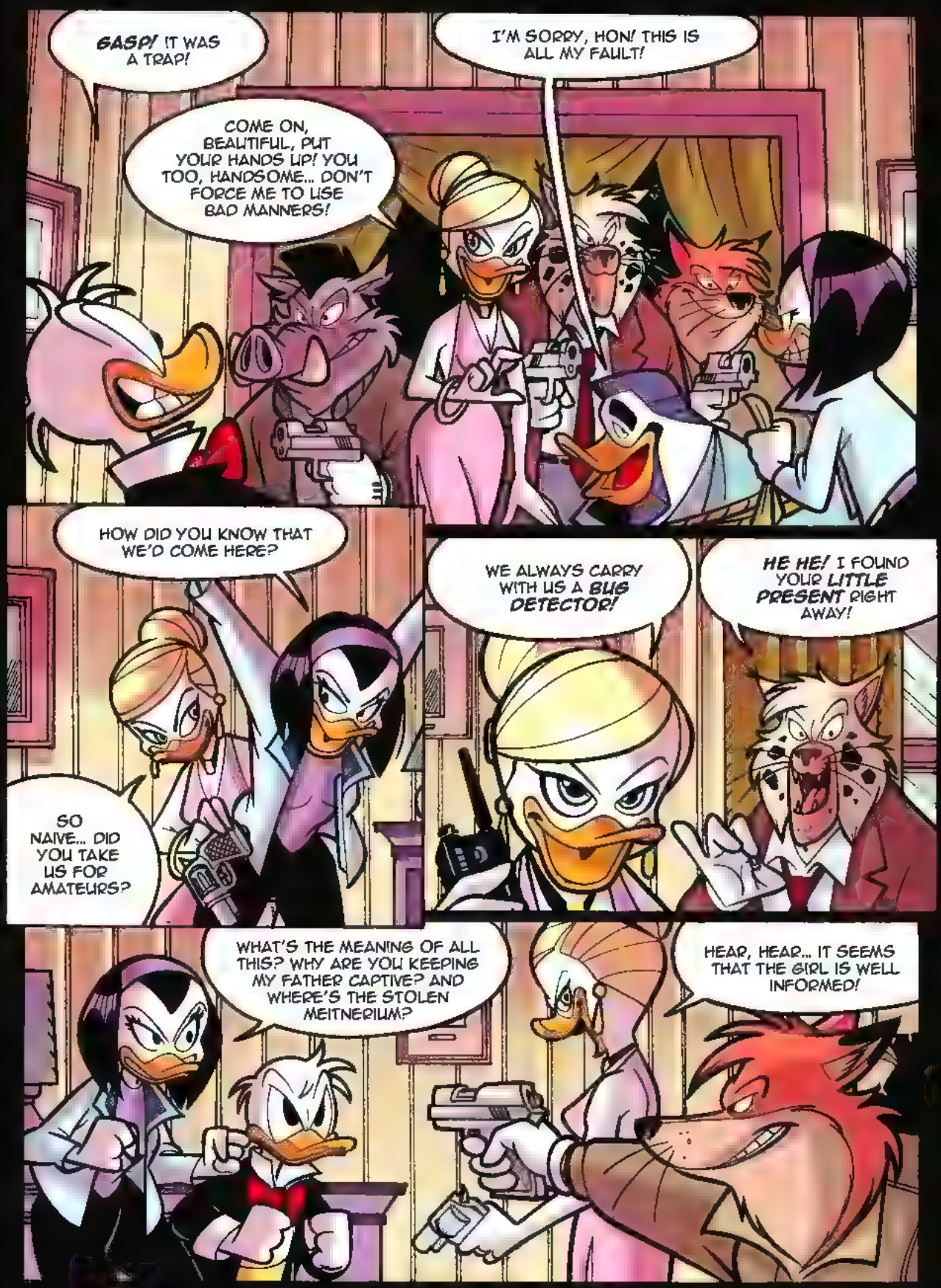

DRAGANOV HAS HAD THE MEITNERIUM STOLEN! THE THEFT WAS COMMISSIONED BY HIS SECRET SERVICES...
... AND COMPLETED BY A MYSTERIOUS "PROFESSIONAL", WHO'S TO DELIVER THEM THE PRIZE!
ALRIGHT, BUT I STILL DON'T KNOW WHERE I COME IN!
WE HAVE INFILTRATED ONE OF OUR AGENTS INTO THE MUGYKISTAN! SERVICES! UPON RECEIVING THE MEITNERIUM, HE IS TO SNATCH IT FROM HIS COLLEAGUES AND PASS IT ONTO YOU!
SO THAT'S THE MISSION: RETRIEVE A BRIEFCASE CONTAINING... UM, WHAT DOES THAT STUFF LOOK LIKE?
LIKE METAL BARS, WEIGHTING A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY FOUR KILOS!
HEFTY! I HOPE THE BRIEFCASE HAS WHEELS!
THERE'S NOTHING TO JOKE ABOUT! IF DRAGANOV DOES CONSTRUCT THAT BOMB, THE WHOLE WORLD WILL TREMBLE!
RELAX, DIRECTOR! WE'LL STOP THAT GUY!

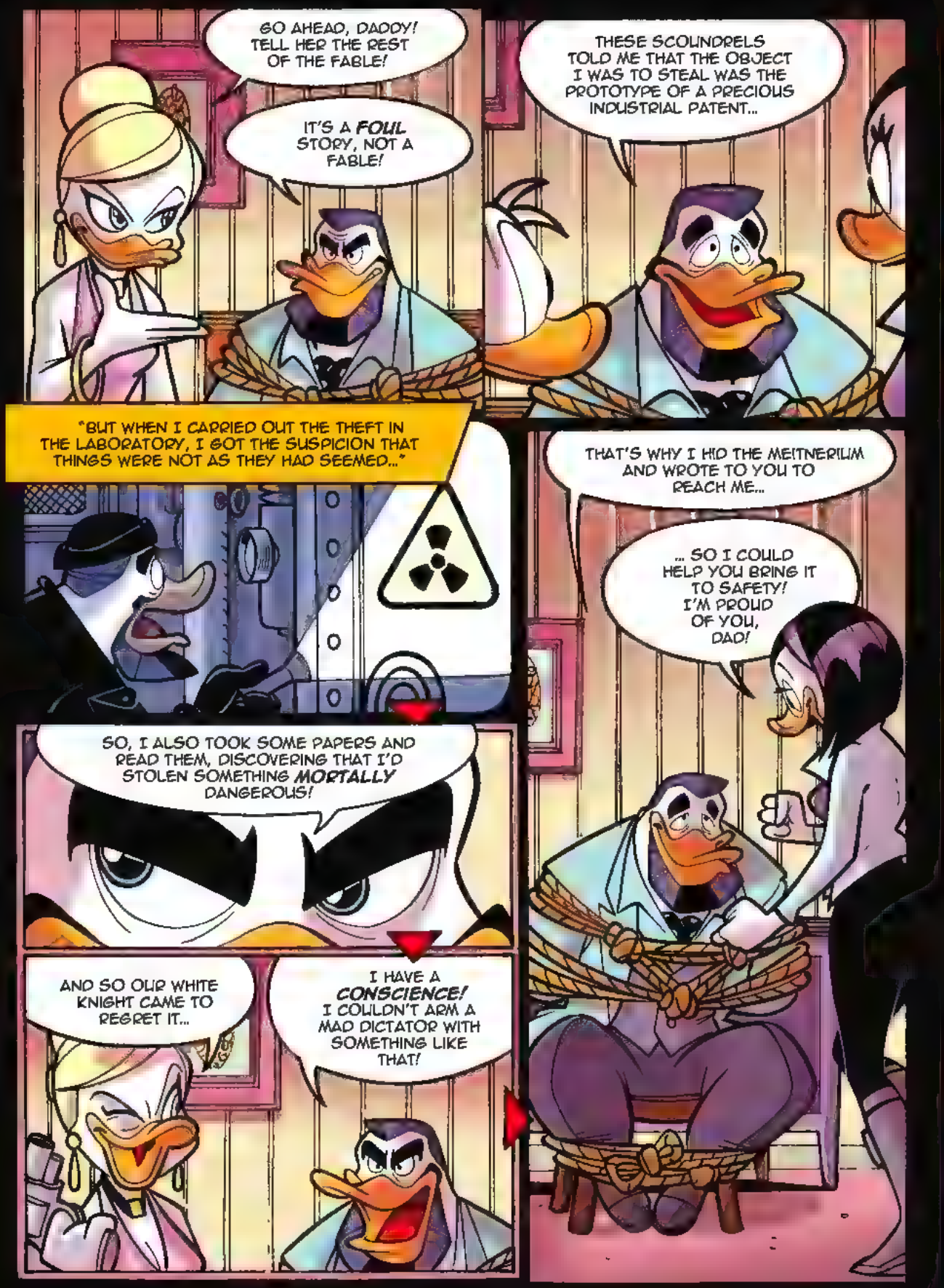

... AND SO I SHOWED UP FOR THE MEETING! BUT INSTEAD OF OUR "CONTACT", I ENCOUNTERED THOSE UGLY MUGS WHO WANTED TO KIDNAP ME!
THEY'RE SECRET AGENTS OF MUGYKISTAN! MEANING THAT SOMETHING'S GONE WRONG IN MR. HEAD H'S PLAN!
NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO SPILL THE BEANS!
AS I SAID, I'M HERE FOR PERSONAL REASONS! IT'S ABOUT ABEL KONNERY... *
I BELIEVE THE "MYSTERIOUS PROFESSIONAL" IS HIM!
EEEH?!
* SEE "WHO FRAMED DOUBLEDUCK?"
DRAGANOV'S MINIONS HAVE HIRED YOUR FATHER?!
YOU'RE SURPRISED? HE MAY BE THE ONLY ONE IN THE WORLD WHO CAN ACCOMPLISH A THEFT LIKE THAT!
ARE YOU BASING YOUR SUSPICION ON THAT ALONE?
NO, THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE! DAYS AGO HE SENT ME AN EMAIL...

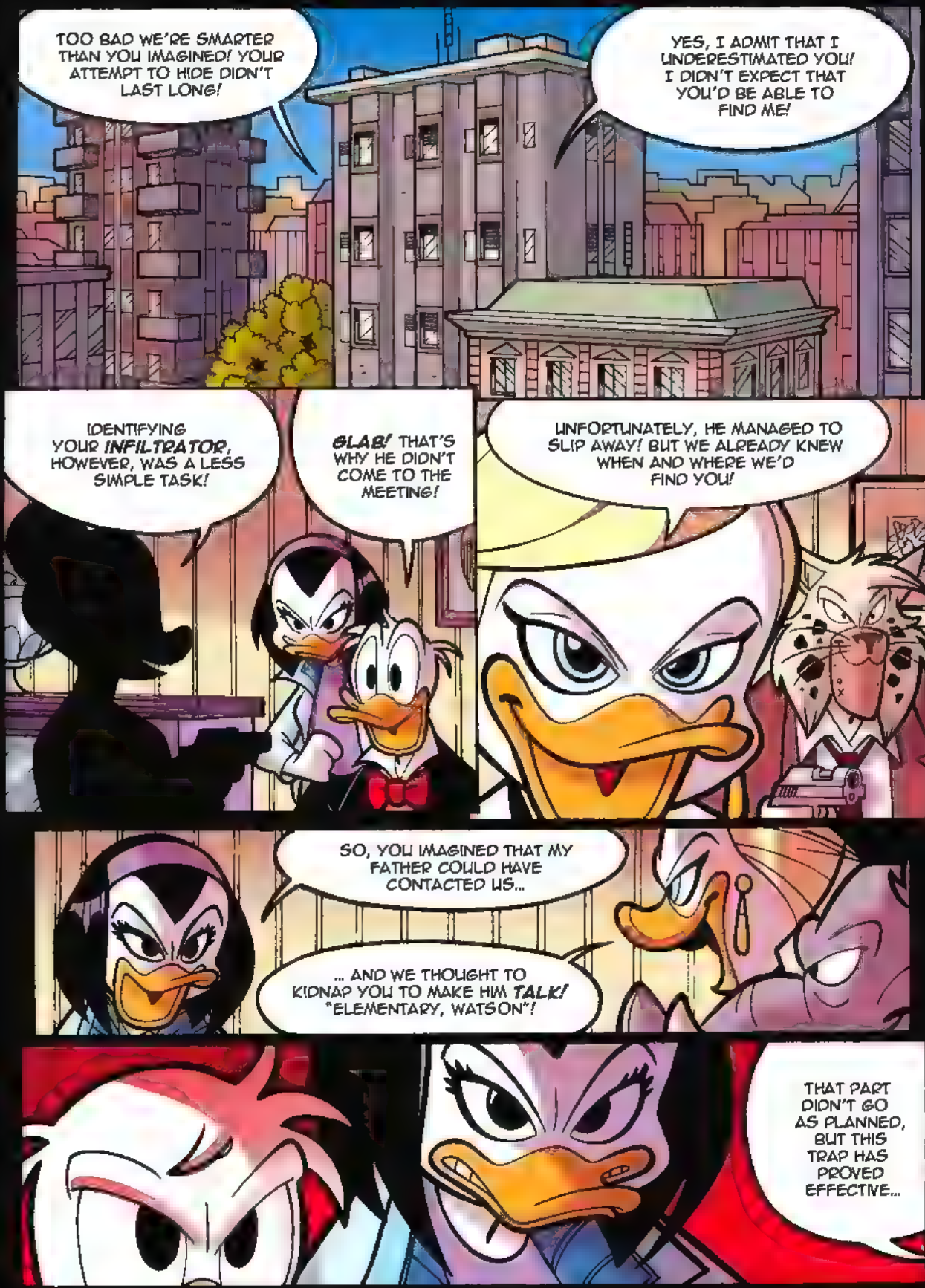

"IT SAID: 'I AM IN MOSCOW! COME AT ONCE! I'LL CONTACT YOU!' A CLEAR REQUEST FOR HELP..."
THEN, AT THE AGENCY, I HEARD OF YOUR MISSION AND PUT TWO AND TWO TOGETHER!
THUS YOU WENT TO MOSCOW, WITHOUT SAYING ANYTHING TO ANYONE!
BUT MY FATHER DID NOT GET AHOLD OF ME! SO I THOUGHT TO SPY ON YOU...
... IN AN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE HIM BY FOLLOWING THE TRAIL OF THE STOLEN GOODS BACK!
BUT WE LOST THE MUGYKISTANI! HOW DO WE FIND THEM AGAIN?
WITH THE MICROINDICATOR I SLIPPED INTO THE BEANPOLE'S POCKET BEFORE MAKING THE GETAWAY!
FOR NOW, THEY'RE STILL ON THE MOVE! WHEN THEY'VE STOOD STILL LONG ENOUGH...

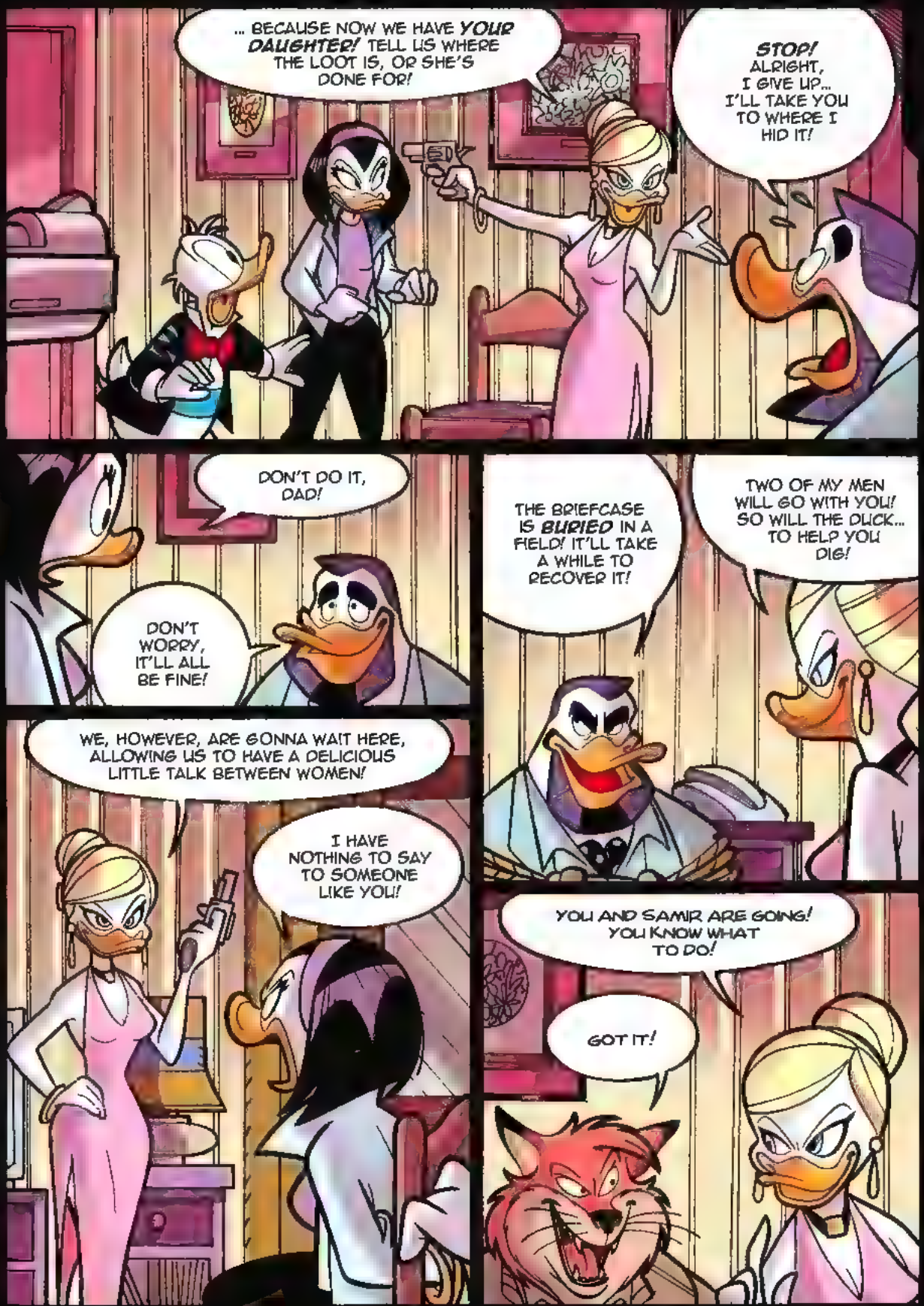
"... WE'LL KNOW THAT THEY'RE AT THEIR LAIR!"
THEY WENT INTO THE BUILDING TWO HOURS AGO AND HAVE YET TO COME OUT! THIS HAS TO BE IT!
YEAH, BUT WHICH APARTMENT ARE THEY IN? WE CAN'T GO KNOCKING ON ALL THE DOORS!
WE WON'T HAVE TO! WE'LL JUST FOLLOW THE SIGNAL INSIDE THE BUILDING!
AND WHAT DO WE DO ONCE WE'RE THERE? DO YOU HAVE A PLAN?
WE'LL IMPROVISE! DON'T FORGET THAT THE GOAL IS TO FIND MY FATHER!

THEY'RE IN THERE! DOOR'S HALFWAY OPEN... FOLLOW ME!
GULP! ABEL KONNERY?
MMMPF!
DAD! WHAT HAVE THEY DONE TO YOU?
HANG IN THERE! YOU ARE FREE NOW...
LOOK AT THIS BEAUTIFUL FAMILY PICTURE!


GASP! IT WAS A TRAP!
I'M SORRY, HON! THIS IS ALL MY FAULT!
COME ON, BEAUTIFUL, PUT YOUR HANDS UP! YOU TOO, HANDSOME... DON'T FORCE ME TO USE BAD MANNERS!
HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT WE'D COME HERE?
SO NAIVE... DID YOU TAKE US FOR AMATEURS?
WE ALWAYS CARRY WITH US A BUG DETECTOR!
HE HE! I FOUND YOUR LITTLE PRESENT RIGHT AWAY!
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF ALL THIS? WHY ARE YOU KEEPING MY FATHER CAPTIVE? AND WHERE'S THE STOLEN MEITNERIUM?
HEAR, HEAR... IT SEEMS THAT THE GIRL IS WELL INFORMED!


GO AHEAD, DADDY! TELL HER THE REST OF THE FABLE!
IT'S A FOUL STORY, NOT A FABLE!
THESE SCOUNDRELS TOLD ME THAT THE OBJECT I WAS TO STEAL WAS THE PROTOTYPE OF A PRECIOUS INDUSTRIAL PATENT...
"BUT WHEN I CARRIED OUT THE THEFT IN THE LABORATORY, I GOT THE SUSPICION THAT THINGS WERE NOT AS THEY HAD SEEMED..."
THAT'S WHY I HID THE MEITNERIUM AND WROTE TO YOU TO REACH ME...
... SO I COULD HELP YOU BRING IT TO SAFETY! I'M PROUD OF YOU, DAD!
SO, I ALSO TOOK SOME PAPERS AND READ THEM, DISCOVERING THAT I'D STOLEN SOMETHING MORTALLY DANGEROUS!
AND SO OUR WHITE KNIGHT CAME TO REGRET IT...
I HAVE A CONSCIENCE! I COULDN'T ARM A MAD DICTATOR WITH SOMETHING LIKE THAT!


TOO BAD WE'RE SMARTER THAN YOU IMAGINED! YOUR ATTEMPT TO HIDE DIDN'T LAST LONG!
YES, I ADMIT THAT I UNDERESTIMATED YOU! I DIDN'T EXPECT THAT YOU'D BE ABLE TO FIND ME!
IDENTIFYING YOUR INFILTRATOR, HOWEVER, WAS A LESS SIMPLE TASK!
GLAD! THAT'S WHY HE DIDN'T COME TO THE MEETING!
UNFORTUNATELY, HE MANAGED TO SLIP AWAY! BUT WE ALREADY KNEW WHEN AND WHERE WE'D FIND YOU!
SO, YOU IMAGINED THAT MY FATHER COULD HAVE CONTACTED US...
... AND WE THOUGHT TO KIDNAP YOU TO MAKE HIM TALK! "ELEMENTARY, WATSON"!
THAT PART DIDN'T GO AS PLANNED, BUT THIS TRAP HAS PROVED EFFECTIVE...


... BECAUSE NOW WE HAVE YOUR DAUGHTER! TELL US WHERE THE LOOT IS, OR SHE'S DONE FOR!
STOP! ALRIGHT, I GIVE UP... I'LL TAKE YOU TO WHERE I HID IT!
DON'T DO IT, DAD!
DON'T WORRY, IT'LL ALL BE FINE!
THE BRIEFCASE IS BURIED IN A FIELD! IT'LL TAKE A WHILE TO RECOVER IT!
TWO OF MY MEN WILL GO WITH YOU! SO WILL THE DUCK... TO HELP YOU DIG!
WE, HOWEVER, ARE GONNA WAIT HERE, ALLOWING US TO HAVE A DELICIOUS LITTLE TALK BETWEEN WOMEN!
I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY TO SOMEONE LIKE YOU!
YOU AND SAMIR ARE GOING! YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO!
GOT IT!

THIS IS THE PLACE! THE MEITNERIUM IS BURIED DOWN IN THAT TERRAIN!
GET OUT, QUICK! AND TRY NOT TO DO ANYTHING STUPID!

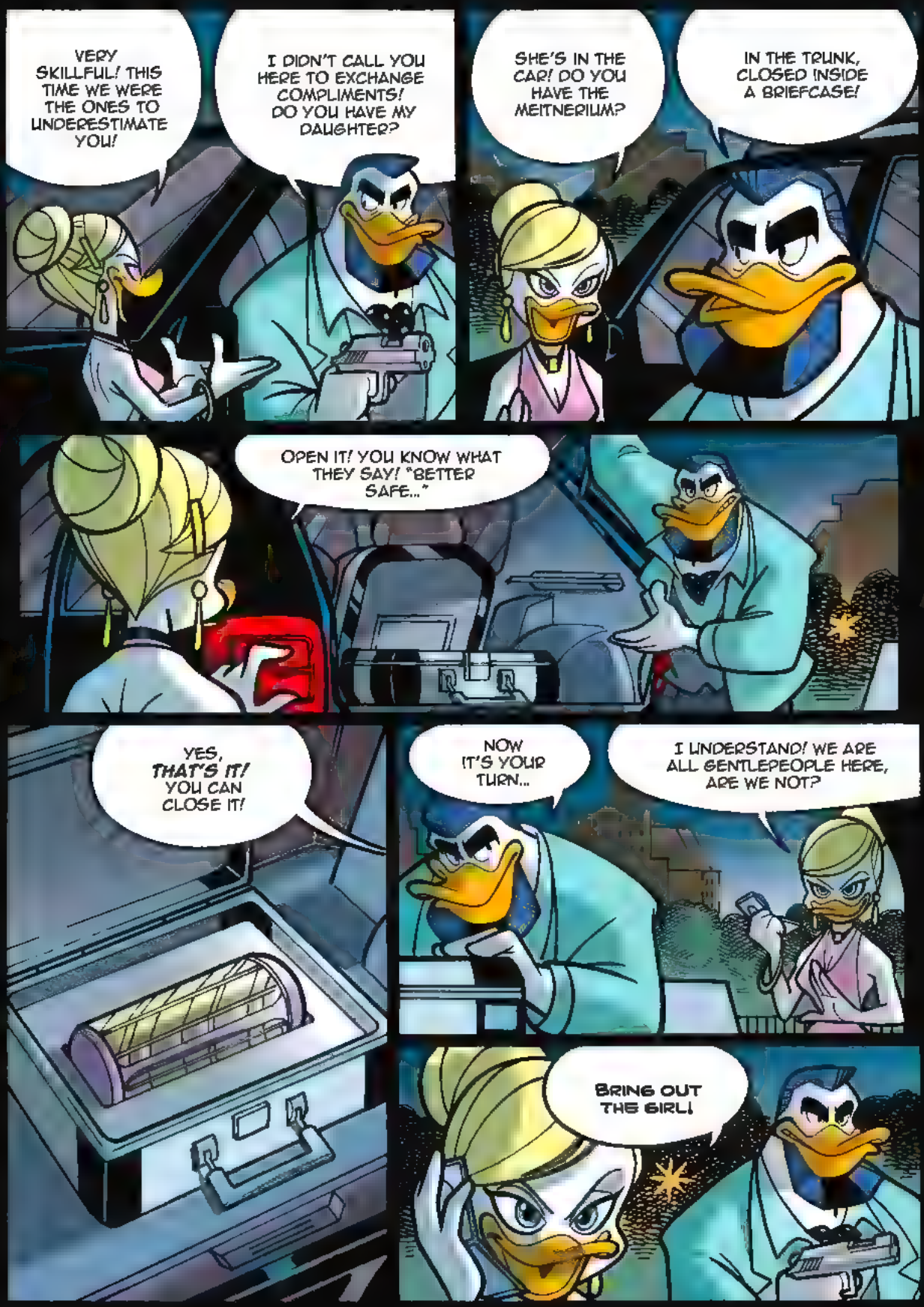
YOU'LL SLAVE AND WE'LL WATCH! PERFECT WAY TO DIVIDE WORK!
SGRUNT! THAT DEPENDS ON VIEWPOINT!
WILL THERE BE MUCH TO DIG?
NO, THE BRIEFCASE IS ONE METER UNDERGROUND! TAKING THE WIDTH OF THE HOLE INTO ACCOUNT...
"... WE'LL BE DONE IN A QUARTER!"
THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO NEED TO GO DEEPER! AT THIS POINT, WE CAN PULL IT OUT!
GO AHEAD, BUT MAKE NO SUDDEN MOVES! WE'RE PRETTY GOOD SHOTS!
I SUPPOSE I SHOULD OPEN IT SO YOU CAN VERIFY THE CONTENT!
SO THAT YOU MAY POSSIBLY GRAB A GUN YOU PLACED INSIDE OF IT? HAH!
WE'RE NOT FALLING FOR THAT! WE'LL BE OPENING IT!
AS YOU WISH!

GET DOWN!
OOOF...
PFFFT
GASP!
THUMP
I FEEL SLEEPY...
SOPORIFIC GAS AT IMMEDIATE EFFECT! THE FOOLS WEREN'T EXPECTING THAT!
HEY! THIS BRIEFCASE ONLY CONTAINS STONES! WHERE ARE THE MEITNERIUM BARS?
IN ANOTHER BRIEFCASE! IN THIS LINE OF WORK I ALWAYS TAKE PRECAUTIONS!
I GET IT! WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO DIG AGAIN!
NO! WE JUST HAVE TO MOVE A DOZEN BRICKS!

HERE IT IS! DO YOU WANT TO HAVE A LOOK?
I ACTUALLY AM RATHER CURIOUS!
LOOKS ARGENT! WHAT'S THAT TRANSPARENT CAPSULE?
A SPECIAL PROTECTIVE CASING! THE ELEMENT IS HIGHLY RADIOACTIVE!
BUT... IF WE STILL NEED TO GIVE IT TO THE SPIES, WHY PUT THOSE TWO TO SLEEP?
TO HAVE A CHANCE TO SAVE MY DAUGHTER!
I KNOW THESE SCAMPS! AS SOON AS THEY HAVE THE MEITNERIUM, THEY'LL ELIMINATE HER AND US!
WITH THE LOOT IN OUR HANDS, HOWEVER, WE CAN MAKE AN EXCHANGE!
LET'S HOPE THEY ACCEPT...
THEY'LL ACCEPT! ALTHOUGH THIS WILL ALLOW DRAGANOV TO CONSTRUCT THE SUPERBOMB...
REGRETTABLY, WE HAVE NO CHOICE! IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE KAY K!

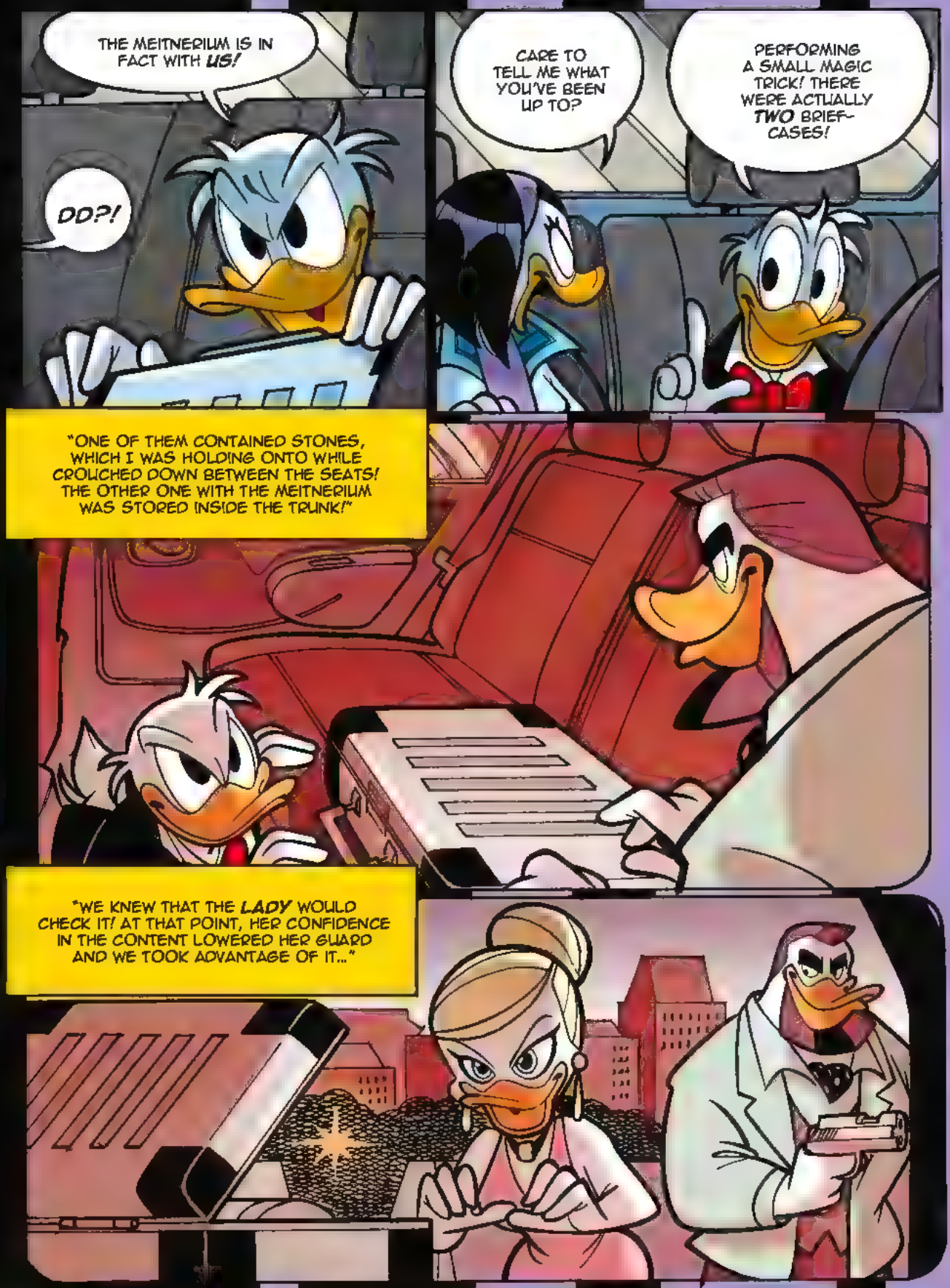
HERE WE GO! THE MEITNERIUM IS OURS!
BRIIP
SAMIR?
IT'S ME! LISTEN CAREFULLY! I HAVE A PROPOSITION FOR YOU...

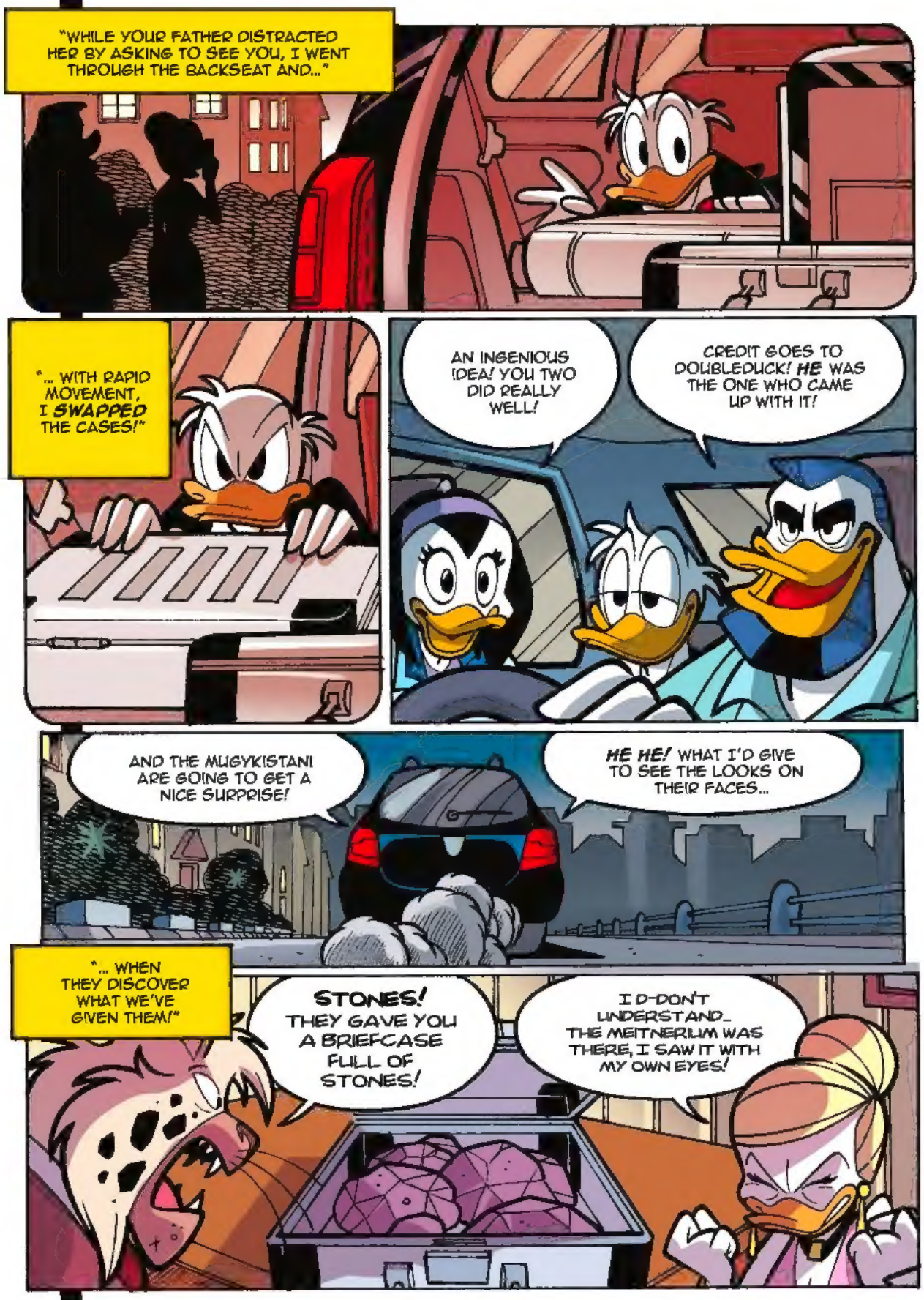
THERE THEY ARE!
STOP THE CAR! ONE OF YOU APPROACH... ALONE!
FINE!

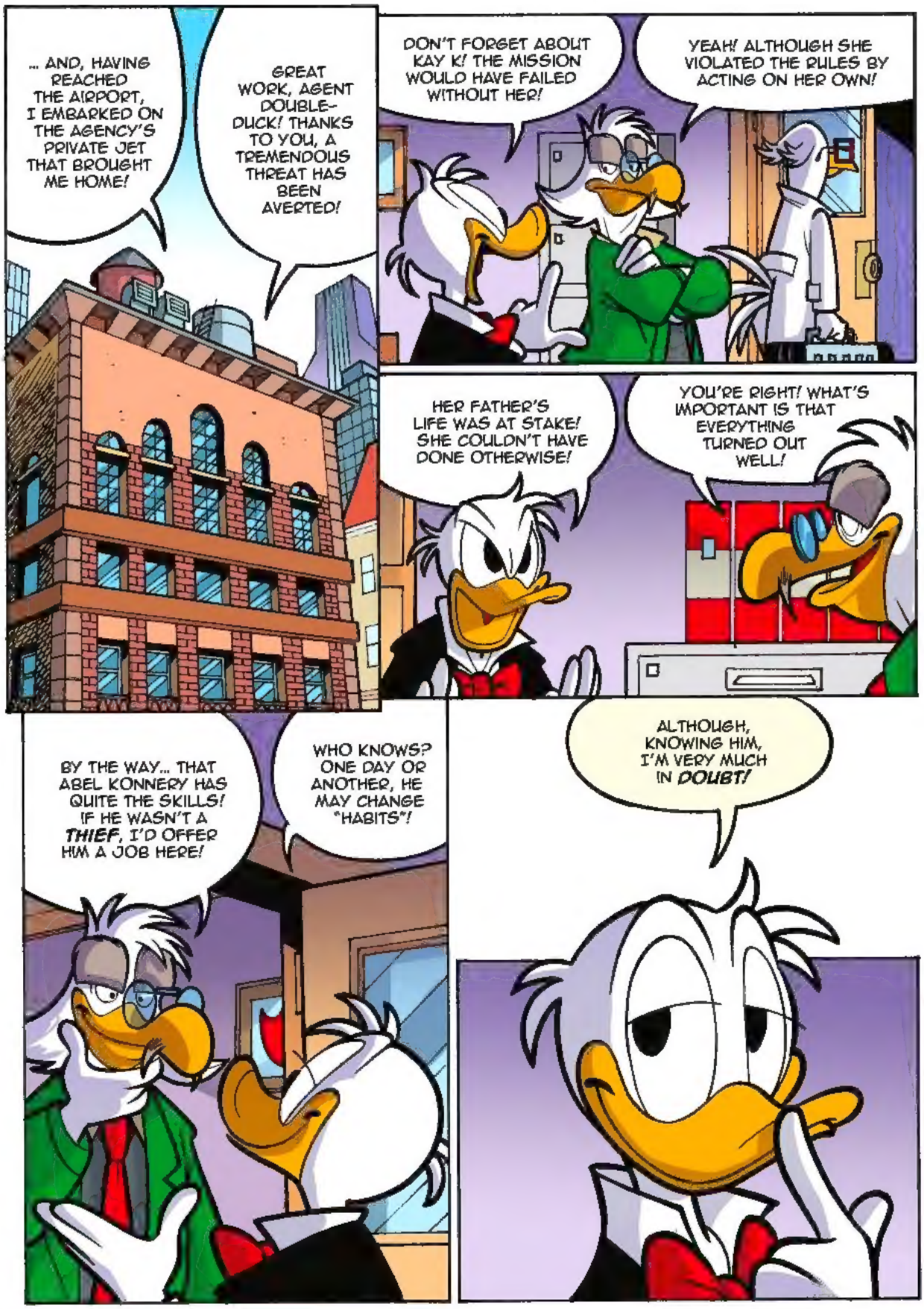

VERY SKILLFUL! THIS TIME WE WERE THE ONES TO UNDERESTIMATE YOU!
I DIDN'T CALL YOU HERE TO EXCHANGE COMPLIMENTS! DO YOU HAVE MY DAUGHTER?
SHE'S IN THE CAR! DO YOU HAVE THE MEITNERIUM?
IN THE TRUNK, CLOSED INSIDE A BRIEFCASE!
OPEN IT! YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY! "BETTER SAFE..."
YES, THAT'S IT! YOU CAN CLOSE IT!
NOW IT'S YOUR TURN...
I UNDERSTAND! WE ARE ALL GENTLEPEOPLE HERE, ARE WE NOT?
BRING OUT THE GIRL!

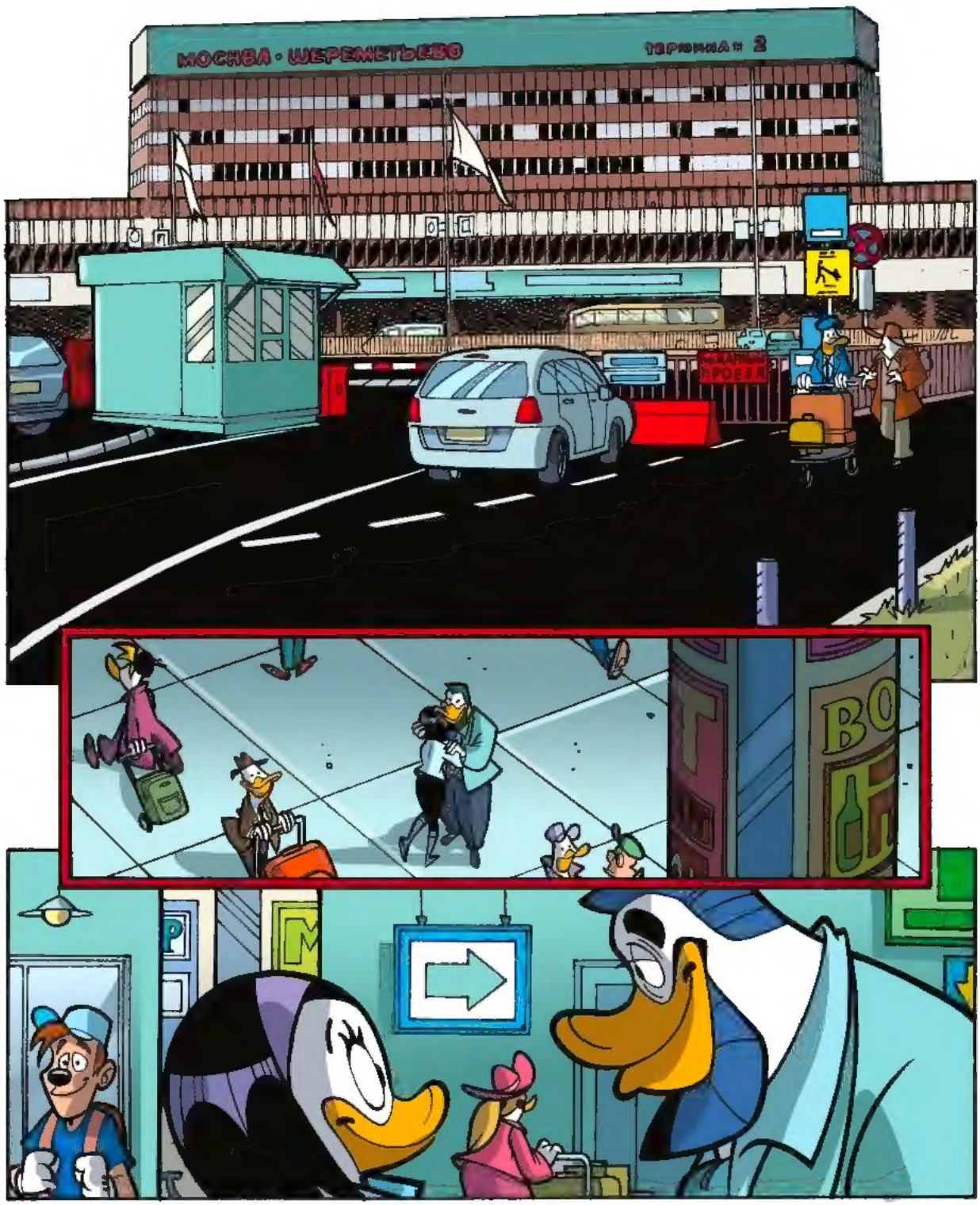
AS YOU CAN SEE, I'VE KEPT MY WORD!
ALRIGHT, YOU CAN TAKE THE BRIEFCASE!
WALK SLOWLY! I'M KEEPING YOU AT GUNPOINT TILL THE EXCHANGE IS OVER!
USELESS PRECAUTION! I HAVE NO TRICKS UP MY SLEEVES!

MISSION COMPLETE! WE'RE GOING BACK HOME!
DAD!
HONEY!
YOU'RE ALONE? WHERE'S DOUBLE-DUCK?
DON'T WORRY, HE'S ALRIGHT! I'LL TELL YOU ON THE WAY!
VROOOOM
I IMAGINED YOU'D DO EVERYTHING TO SAVE ME! BUT NOW DRAGANOV WILL MANUFACTURE THE NUCLEAR DEVICE... THE ENTIRE WORLD IS IN DANGER!
I DON'T THINK SO, HON! NOT UNLESS THEY FIND A WAY TO CONSTRUCT IT WITH A PILE OF STONES!


THE MEITNERIUM IS IN FACT WITH US!
DO?!
CARE TO TELL ME WHAT YOU'VE BEEN UP TO?
PERFORMING A SMALL MAGIC TRICK! THERE WERE ACTUALLY TWO BRIEF-CASES!
"ONE OF THEM CONTAINED STONES, WHICH I WAS HOLDING ONTO WHILE CROUCHED DOWN BETWEEN THE SEATS! THE OTHER ONE WITH THE MEITNERIUM WAS STORED INSIDE THE TRUNK!"
"WE KNEW THAT THE LADY WOULD CHECK IT! AT THAT POINT, HER CONFIDENCE IN THE CONTENT LOWERED HER GUARD AND WE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF IT..."


"WHILE YOUR FATHER DISTRACTED HER BY ASKING TO SEE YOU, I WENT THROUGH THE BACKSEAT AND..."
"... WITH RAPID MOVEMENT, I SWAPPED THE CASES!"
AN INGENIOUS IDEA! YOU TWO DID REALLY WELL!
CREDIT GOES TO DOUBLEDUCK! HE WAS THE ONE WHO CAME UP WITH IT!
AND THE MUGYKISTANI ARE GOING TO GET A NICE SURPRISE!
HE HE! WHAT I'D GIVE TO SEE THE LOOKS ON THEIR FACES...
"... WHEN THEY DISCOVER WHAT WE'VE GIVEN THEM!"
STONES! THEY GAVE YOU A BRIEFCASE FULL OF STONES!
I D-DON'T UNDERSTAND... THE MEITNERIUM WAS THERE, I SAW IT WITH MY OWN EYES!


... AND, HAVING REACHED THE AIRPORT, I EMBARKED ON THE AGENCY'S PRIVATE JET THAT BROUGHT ME HOME!
GREAT WORK, AGENT DOUBLE-DUCK! THANKS TO YOU, A TREMENDOUS THREAT HAS BEEN AVERTED!
DON'T FORGET ABOUT KAY K! THE MISSION WOULD HAVE FAILED WITHOUT HER!
YEAH! ALTHOUGH SHE VIOLATED THE RULES BY ACTING ON HER OWN!
HER FATHER'S LIFE WAS AT STAKE! SHE COULDN'T HAVE DONE OTHERWISE!
YOU'RE RIGHT! WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS THAT EVERYTHING TURNED OUT WELL!
BY THE WAY... THAT ABEL KONNERY HAS QUITE THE SKILLS! IF HE WASN'T A THIEF, I'D OFFER HIM A JOB HERE!
WHO KNOWS? ONE DAY OR ANOTHER, HE MAY CHANGE "HABITS"!
ALTHOUGH, KNOWING HIM, I'M VERY MUCH IN DOUBT!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